(d) the details of such reforms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The approved plan outlay for the D/o Health (including Indian Systems of Medicine) has increased from Rs. 1195.20 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 1700 crore in 2002-03. As against this, the expenditure has increased from Rs. 862.05 crore to Rs. 1480.00 crore (RE) in the corresponding period.

(c) and (d) Various health sector reforms, encompassing different systems of medicine, have been underway in the country during the said period. The Centre has played an important role in this process and undertaken various policy initiatives aimed at improving resource availability and efficiency in the delivery of health services. Some of these initiatives, include *inter-alia*, the reorganization and restructuring of the existing health care infrastructure at primary, secondary and tertiary care levels; horizontal integration of some of the vertical programmes including the formation of a single health and family welfare society at State and district levels; building up an effective system of disease surveillance; building up an efficient logistic system for supply of drugs, levying of user charges for health care services from people above the poverty line, involvement of the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the planning and monitoring of programmes and integrating Indian Systems of Medicine into National Health Programmes. The State Health Systems Project with the objective of providing quality health care services to people in the rural areas as also viable first referral mechanism is presently under implementation in seven States with World Bank assistance. Certain other States are also proposed to be taken up in a phased manner.

Reconstitution of CCIM

2280. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council of Indian Medicine has completed its term;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the new Council has not been constituted so far and the probable date of its reconstitution;

(c) whether there are any administrative problems or obstacles in completing the election of CCIM; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to overcome these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Election in all States has not been completed.

(c) Updating of state register of Indian Medicine; frequent change of the Returning Officer and court cases have been delaying the process of election.

(d) The State Governments have been advised to update the register expeditiously and allow Returning Officers appointed to complete election process.

Annual population growth

2281. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are twelve major States where the annual population growth has been 1.5 percent or above during the last decade of 1991-2001;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the last decade, Andhra Pradesh has achieved the sharpest decline in the annual growth rate of population from 2.2 per cent during the eighties to 1.3 per cent during the nineties; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to make the other States follow the best practices adopted in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Statement showing annual exponential growth rate for decades 1981-1991 and 1991-2001 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) The performance of all States/UTs is monitored by Government of India and communicated to all State/UT's regularly for remedial action.